

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF:

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Atty. Dkt.: 2560-0479

Appln. No.: 10/710,723

Group Art: 3745

Filing Date: July 30, 2004

Examiner: Nguyen, Ninh

Title:

Mitigation Of Unsteady Peak Fan Blade And Disc
Stresses In Turbofan Engines Through The Use Of Flow
Control Devices To Stabilize Boundary Layer
Characteristics

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Sir:

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITESThis application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed - see item 4 below).Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).Reply to any outstanding action and Rule 17(c) fee must be enclosed.

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith or before the new action is respectfully requested.

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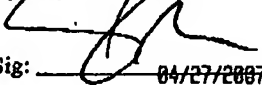
1. Please ☐ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed new Amendment.
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement:
☐ IDS Letter ☐ Cited Appln(s) ☐ Foreign Search Report/OA ☐ PTO-1449 ☐ Cited Documents
6. ☒ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of 3 months (3 mos. Max) for which the required \$130 fee is enclosed.
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